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TO : Chief, Italian/BI  
THROUGH : Chief, BI  
FROM : ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~  
SUBJECT : Contact with Italian Socialist Party

1. Dr. Enzo Kovacs is a Hungarian-born Jewish physician who has been living for 10-15 years in Italy, mainly in Rome. He is an old Italian friend, and during my last trip to Rome he told me that in November 1944 he acquired Italian citizenship. Further, Dr. Kovacs told me that for years he was a member of the clandestine Italian Socialist Party (headed by Pietro Nenni). After the liberation of Rome he could work openly. Last month he became Secretary of the "Italic" district in Rome, and later he was appointed member of the Directory of the Socialist Party in Italy. As Dr. Kovacs is a man of great integrity and has several times helped OSS (without knowing that such an organization existed), I suggest that OSS contact him for the purpose of getting information about the Socialist Party. Dr. Kovacs is well known to Lt. Lamberr, to whom he has told the above-mentioned facts about Kovacs' new status.

2. During the same conversation, Dr. Kovacs told me that the Socialist Party is developing towards the British "Labour Party" form. At several meetings Pietro Nenni and other members of the Directory expressed the necessity of such a development to counterbalance the Communist policy, and especially in regard to the coming liberation of Northern Italy. The Socialists believe that, at first the Communists will have much influence in Northern Italy, but the traditional form of party of the Northern Italian workers is the Labour Party form. They have to be convinced to join the more serious Socialist Party. Nenni stressed the statement that collaboration with Communists does not mean

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that the Socialist Party will give up its ideals. On the contrary, their Marxism does not mean the old and classic form of Marxism but the newly-developed form.

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